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Prel. Amdt. dated December 22, 2004

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract on the title page of the PCT application with the following Abstract. A clean copy of the Abstract identified as page 8 is attached for scanning purposes by the USPTO. No new matter has been added.

A device for a pipe (10) in a cargo pressure tank of a ship (2), the pipe (10) mainly being used for loading and unloading of fluids, and the open end portion (13) of the pipe (10) being placed immediately above the lower bottom section (14) of the cargo pressure tank (1).